

WEXFORD COUNTY
FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Potter at 12:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, Third Floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Brian Potter, Sandy Bengelink, Mark Nyman, Gary Taylor
Members Absent: None.
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator & HR Director; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; Alania Nyman, Clerk; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator & Equalization Director; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add: G.3. Budget Amendments

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the agenda, as amended. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the January 28, 2026, regular meeting minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Approval of Claims

A motion was made by Comm. Bengelink and supported by Comm. Nyman to approve paying the claims in the amount of \$691,281.76. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

G.2. Revenue & Expense Reports

Mr. Porterfield informed the committee there are no concerns.

G.3. Budget Amendments

A motion was made by Comm. Bengelink and supported by Comm. Nyman to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the budget amendments.

Mr. Porterfield informed the committee that the police cars came in earlier than expected and that this budget amendment will move money to cover the lease payments for the new vehicles.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

County Administrator, Mr. Porterfield, informed the committee that all departments are going to have to watch things close this year. Mr. Porterfield brought up that the Commissioners mileage rate is supposed to be \$0.70 per mile not the \$.725 per mile and will be moved back down to the \$.70 per mile. Per MCL 46.415(2). The commissioners ask that a resolution appealing MCL 46.415(2) be drafted and brought before

the BOC.

Comm. Taylor asked if there are any grants to help with these high-profile cases? Mr. Porterfield said not that he is aware of, but the attorney general may step in and help with some costs.

Comm. Potter asked if Administrator Porterfield could look into the bills for snow removal and confirm they are accurate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.



Brian Potter, Chair



Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary